

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the National Urban League on its 100th anniversary and in wishing them the best for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS L. CHARLTON

• Mr. BURRIS. Mr. President, as a longtime public servant, I have always had the utmost regard for individuals who dedicate themselves to a greater cause.

Among these, educators stand out in my mind as especially worthy of thanks and recognition.

I often say that educators have an eternal impact on our country's youth.

From primary school through graduate school, these dedicated men and women are charged with shaping the next generation of Americans.

They provide our Nation's young people with the inspiration to achieve, and the tools to succeed in a global marketplace.

So today, I honor one such educator, Professor Thomas L. Charlton—a brilliant scholar, a remarkable advocate for the values of higher learning, and an avid student of history in his own right.

Professor Charlton began his career in 1962, at San Antonio College, where he taught as many as five classes at one time.

He developed a passion for teaching that would guide him for the rest of his career. After he earned his Ph.D. in 1969 at the University of Texas at Austin, he became a professor of history at Baylor University.

At Baylor, he founded the Institute for Oral History. And over the next quarter century, he presided over its ascension as one of the top oral history research centers in the country.

He pushed for excellence at every turn, and he dedicated himself to the preservation of our rich past.

In 1981, Dr. Charlton authored a landmark academic text on the oral history of Texas, entitled "Oral History for Texans."

The following year, he became founding president of the Texas Oral History Association and saw his national reputation grow by leaps and bounds.

But for all the acclaim and success that he enjoyed, those who know Professor Charlton will be quick to point out that he is never happier than when he is out in the field with a group of his graduate students.

He has never lost the passion for teaching that he discovered in the early days of his career—a passion which has guided him to this day.

In the last two decades, Professor Charlton served the Baylor community as vice provost for research, and later as director of the Texas Collection library.

And after nearly half a century of dedicated service at the college level,

he announced his retirement earlier this year.

Mr. President, today I honor the tremendous contributions Thomas Charlton has made during his remarkable career.

I celebrate the achievements that have marked his tenure and the lives he touched at every step along the way.

But even as we wish him a happy retirement and recognize the indelible mark he has left on Baylor University, I cannot help but reflect that, among his students, his peers, and all who share his dedication, he will be sorely missed.

I yield the floor.●

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL J. SULICK

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize and pay tribute to Mr. Michael J. Sulick, Director of the National Clandestine Service of the Central Intelligence Agency, who will retire tomorrow, July 30, 2010. Mr. Sulick's career spans over 30 years in the CIA during which he distinguished himself as a patriot, leader, and friend of the U.S. Senate. Mike Sulick also served as a marine in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969.

It is a rare opportunity to pay tribute publicly to one of the men and women who serve beyond the front lines, working in secret to protect and serve the Nation. Having "come in from the cold," I am pleased to be able to say a few words about Mike.

A New York native, Mr. Sulick graduated from Fordham University in 1971 with a B.A. degree in Russian language/literature and continued at the University to earn a M.A. in Russian language/literature in 1972. In 1977, he received a doctorate in comparative literature from City University of New York, NY.

During his career, Mike served more than 11 years abroad in Asia, Latin America, Poland, and Russia, where he was able to use his language fluency of Spanish, Polish, and Russian. In headquarters assignments, he served as Chief of Liaison in the Office of Congressional Affairs, Chief of Central Eurasia Division, Chief of Counterintelligence, and as the Deputy Director and later as Director of the National Clandestine Service.

Mr. Sulick retired from the CIA as the Deputy Director of the National Clandestine Service in 2004. In 2007, Mike heeded the call of service when he was asked by the CIA Director, GEN Michael Hayden, and his Deputy Director, Steve Kappes, to rejoin the Agency. He has been the head of the clandestine service for the past 3 years.

In this capacity, he had frequent interaction with Senators and staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. His professionalism, mature judgment, sage advice, and interpersonal skills earned him the respect and confidence of the committee. His sound judgment, courage, and candor

also directly contributed to his successful representation of the CIA's interests before the committee and Congress.

Throughout his career, Mike Sulick demonstrated a profound commitment to our Nation, a selfless service to the CIA, a deep concern for Agency officers and their families, and a commitment to excellence. Mike is a consummate professional whose performance, in over 30 years of service, has personified those traits of courage, competency, and integrity that our Nation has come to expect and so desperately needs from its professional intelligence officers.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Mr. Mike Sulick for his honorable service to the Central Intelligence Agency and the people of the U.S. and also thanking Mike's wife Shirley for her support and understanding, as well as her sacrifices in allowing Mike to selflessly commit himself to protecting our Nation.

We wish Mike and Shirley Sulick all the best in the future.●

SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

• Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. President, today I honor in the RECORD Springfield Baptist Church in Greensboro, GA.

On August 15, 2010, the Georgia Historical Society will place a permanent marker recognizing this historic church as the oldest African-American church in Greene County. Established in 1864, Springfield Baptist Church has been a place of faith, hope, and dreams for its members for almost 150 years.

This isn't the first time that Springfield Baptist Church has been honored for its important place in Greene County's history. On September 8, 1987, the church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and it is a privilege to recognize the Springfield Baptist Church and its contributions to Greene County. I congratulate Pastor James C. Tazel, Jr. and the entire congregation on this historic occasion.●

TRIBUTE TO PIUS BANNIS

• Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I honor a true American hero, Mr. Pius Bannis.

Mr. Bannis is the field office director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services stationed in the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. During the darkest moments of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010, that destroyed Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Mr. Bannis bravely performed his duties.

As we know, children are the most vulnerable victims of any disaster—let alone the tragic January 12, 2010, earthquake causing devastation of monumental proportions in Haiti. In the immediate aftermath of this tragedy, Mr. Bannis selflessly worked around the clock to ensure hundreds of orphaned Haitian children were removed from harm's way and placed in a